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DAREDEVIL®

THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!



THE
MARVEL
EXPLOSION
STARTS
HERE!

STRUGGLE
ALL YOU WISH,
SCARLET FOOL!

BUT, IF
I CAN'T
DESTROY
YOU--

--MY DEADLY
**MURDER
MAZE**
WILL!

THE JESTER'S
STEEL JAWS
SPELL DEATH!



He dwells in eternal night— but the blackness is filled with sounds and scents other men cannot perceive. Though attorney MATT MURDOCK is *blind*, his other senses function with *superhuman sharpness*—his *radar sense* guides him over every obstacle! He stalks the streets, a red-garbed foe of evil!

Stan Lee PRESENTS: **DAREDEVIL, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!**™

THE MURDER MAZE STRIKES TWICE!

INSTANT SYNOPSIS DEPT: LISTEN CAREFULLY, MARVELITE, BECAUSE PLENTY HAS BEEN GOIN' ON, AND EVEN MORE'S COMIN' AT YA!

DAREDEVIL HAS FINALLY LEARNED THAT THE INSIDIOUS, JEERING JESTER, IS THE MANIACAL MASTERMIND BEHIND A SERIES OF BIZARRE AND DISTORTED TV NEWS SHOWS!

DOWN WITH DAREDEVIL

STOP ALL SUPERHEROES

HOLD THEM

WELL, CITIZENS, WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY TO YOUR FORMER HERO?

DOES HE LIVE-- OR DOES HE--

...DIE!

THE JESTER, MEANTIME, CREATED TWO SPECIAL NEWSCASTS WHICH PROVED THAT HORNHEAD CALLOUSLY MURDERED THREE POLICEMEN, AND THAT ALL NEW YORK CITY'S COPS HAVE TURNED CROKED!

THE PURPOSE: TO KEEP THE CITY CLEAR OF ALL LAW OFFICIALS, ALLOWING THE JESTER TO SELL TO OTHER CROOKS THE RIGHTS TO ROB NEW YORK CITY BLIND!

MEANWHILE, THE JESTER HAS MANAGED TO DEFEAT DD LONG ENOUGH TO DRAG HIM TO TIMES SQUARE WHERE HE HOLDS A MOCK TRIAL, WITH AN IRATE CITIZENRY (WHO STILL BELIEVE THE JESTER'S PHONEYED-UP NEWS-CASTS) AS THE FEARLESS ONE'S JURORS!

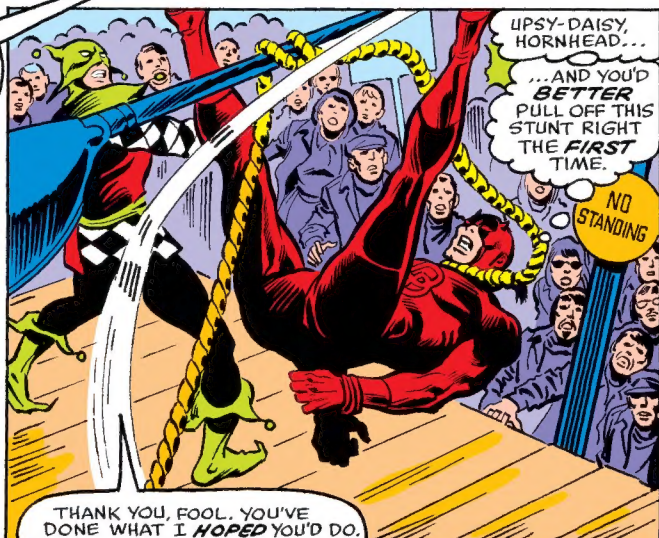
GOT THAT ALL, PILGRIM? GOOD! 'CAUSE FROM NOW ON, YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN!

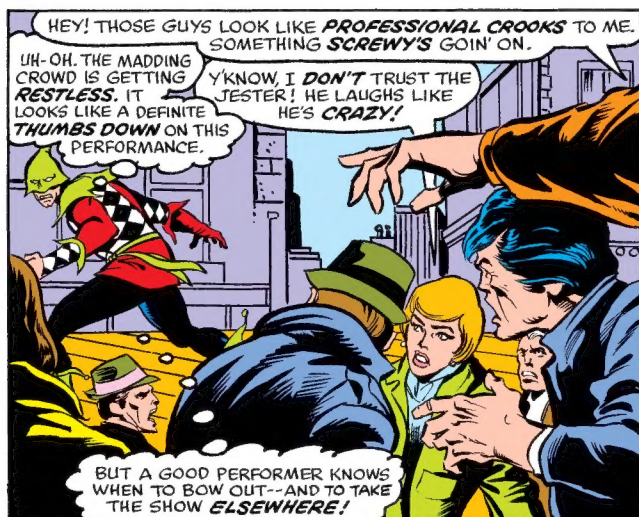
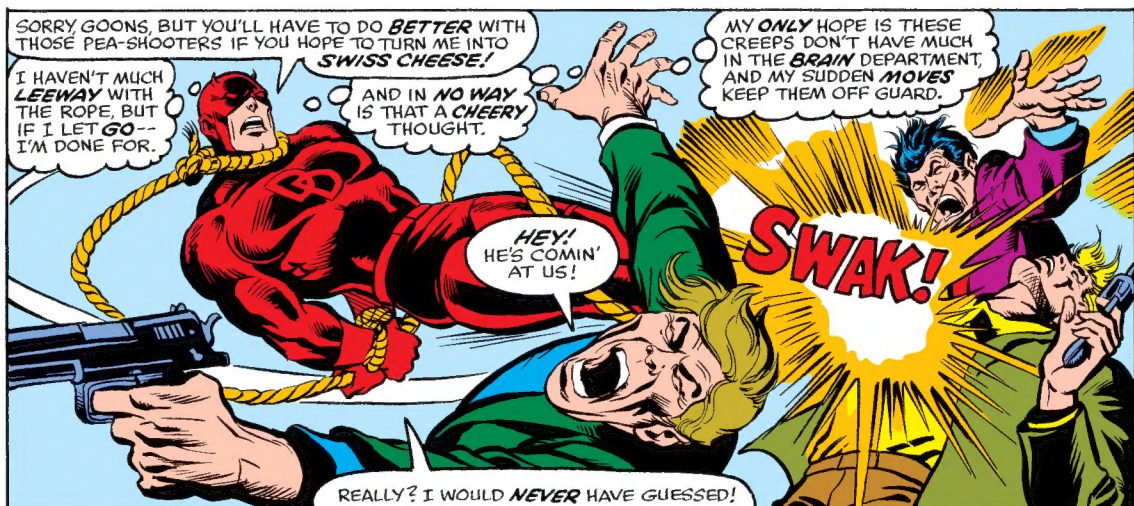
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SHORTLY AFTERWARDS...

YOU ALMOST **DESERVED** WHAT WOULD'VE HAPPENED, DD. I **TOLD** YOU NOT TO GO SWINGING THROUGH THE CITY IN **COSTUME**.

SORRY, BLAKE, BUT **UNTIL** I PIN A BADGE ON THIS COSTUME, I'M MY **OWN** MAN. AND I'LL DO WHATEVER **I** THINK BEST.

LIKE GETTING YOURSELF **HANGED**?

IF I WEREN'T IN **DISGUISE**, SWAYING THE CROWD **AGAINST** THE JESTER, YOU'D BE SWINGING FROM A **NOOSE** INSTEAD OF NURSING A SIMPLE PAIN IN THE NECK.

SORRY TO **DISILLUSION** YOU, BLAKE, BUT I ALREADY HAD MY **HANDS FREE** WHEN YOU CAME ALONG. ANOTHER MOMENT AND I WOULD'VE BEEN **OUT** OF THE NOOSE.

BUT SPEAKING OF A PAIN A LITTLE BIT **LOWER** ON THE ANATOMY, I NOW **KNOW** THAT CLOWN'S CAPER.

HE'S **SELLING** SECTIONS OF NEW YORK TO **OTHER** CROOKS TO ROB--AND HE'S USING THE TELEVISION NEWS SPOTS TO CREATE **DIVERSIONS**. OUR STOOGLIES TOLD US, DD.

IT'S **CATCH 22** ALL OVER AGAIN. IF WE SEND TROOPS TO **STOP** HIS CRIMES, MISGUIDED CITIZENS WILL TURN NEW YORK INTO A WAR ZONE.

IF WE LEAVE THE JESTER **ALONE**, HE ROBBS THE CITY **BLIND**.

WHICH IS WHERE **I** COME IN. I CAN MOVE **FASTER** THROUGH THE CITY THAN **ANY** POLICEMAN.

AND I CAN **TRACK** THE JESTER DOWN IN WAYS YOU'D **NEVER BELIEVE**.

JUST GIVE ME A **CHANCE** TO FIGHT THIS ONE **ALONE**!

NOT MUCH TIME, AND I **STILL** HAVE TO GET BACK TO THE STOREFRONT TO PICK SOMETHING UP.

WHICH MEANS I'LL BE **DELAYED** ANSWERING HEATHER'S **QUESTIONS** AS TO THE **WHEREABOUTS** OF A CERTAIN BLIND ATTORNEY.

NOT THAT SHE'S **NORMALLY** THAT POSSESSIVE ABOUT MATT, BUT IT'S **WORRYING** ABOUT HER FATHER THAT'S **GETTING TO HER**.

WORRYING IF HER DAD **IS** HOOKED UP TO SOMETHING CROOKED, OR IS JUST BEING TAKEN **ADVANTAGE** OF BY HIS AIDES.

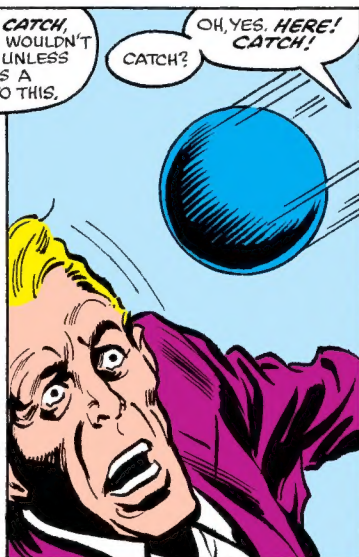
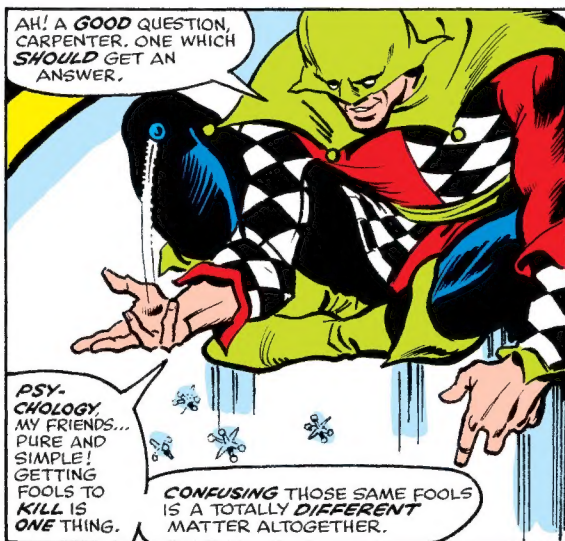
AND I HAVEN'T EVEN HAD THE TIME TO **HELP** HER... WHICH IS WHY FOGGY'S ON THE CASE.

NOT THAT **HE'S** OPERATING WITH A CLEAR HEAD, EITHER--EVER SINCE HE LEARNED DEBBIE HARRIS HAS **VANISHED**.

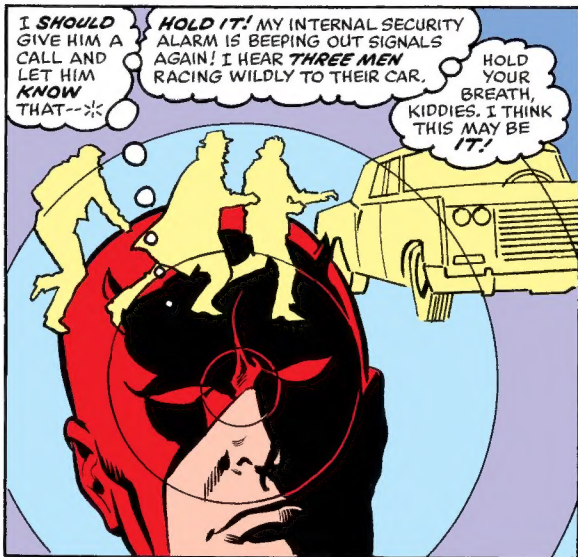
MATTHEW, M'BOY, EVER GET THE FEELING THAT YOU'RE LIVING IN A **SOAP OPERA**?

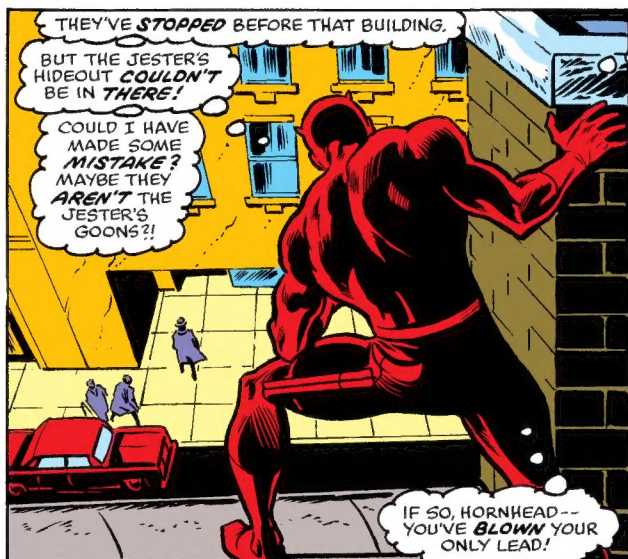
WITHOUT BENEFIT OF **COMMERCIAL BREAKS** TO RELIEVE THE ANXIETY!

OH, WHAT **FUN** IT IS TO BE A SUPER HERO.









THEY'VE STOPPED BEFORE THAT BUILDING.

BUT THE JESTER'S HIDEOUT COULDN'T BE IN *THERE*!

COULD I HAVE MADE SOME *MISTAKE*? MAYBE THEY *AREN'T* THE JESTER'S GOONS?!

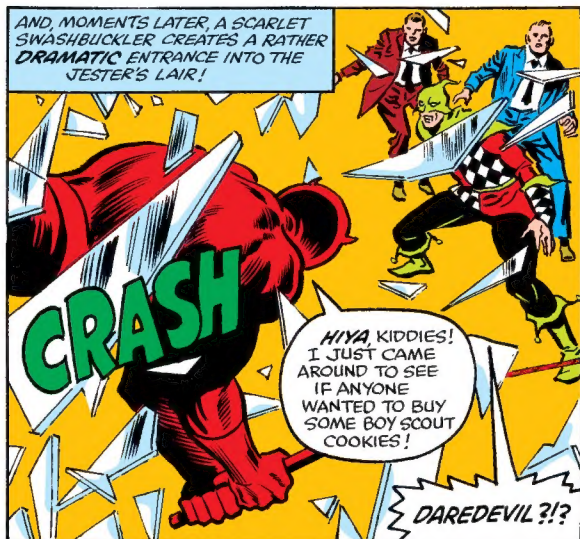
IF SO, HORNHEAD-- YOU'VE *BLOWN* YOUR ONLY LEAD!

BETTER EAVESDROP ON 'EM, AND HOPE THEY SAY SOMETHING SINISTER!

LET'S GET UP *FAST*, GARY, THAT CREEPY JESTER'S PROBABLY WEARIN' OUT THE RUG WAITIN' FER US.

YA KNOW, FRANCIS--WITH THE WAY THIS *GIMMICK* OF HIS WORKS, IF HE WEREN'T SUCH A *LOONY*, HE'D BE BRILLIANT. *SHEESH!*

THANK YOU, RADAR HEARING! YOU'VE SAVED SOME *RED* HAIR FROM TURNING *GRAY*.



CRASH

HIYA KIDDIES! I JUST CAME AROUND TO SEE IF ANYONE WANTED TO BUY SOME BOY SCOUT COOKIES!

DAREDEVIL???



BACK OFF, MEN. THAT SAWED-OFF SUPER HERO IS *MINE*!

DOES THAT MEAN YOU'RE *NOT* INTERESTED IN CHARITY, JESTER?

SURELY, WITH ALL YOUR *CURRENT* ILL-GOTTEN GAINS, YOU CAN AFFORD TO BE GENEROUS WITH A FEW *PALTRY* DOLLARS!



HA! HA! HA! YOU WANT A CONTRIBUTION, DD? VERY WELL--HERE IT IS--

--WHIPPED UP *ESPECIALLY* FOR YOU IN THE JESTER'S VERY OWN *KITCHEN*!

HA HA HA

--IT'S REALLY A MINATURE *LAND MINE*!

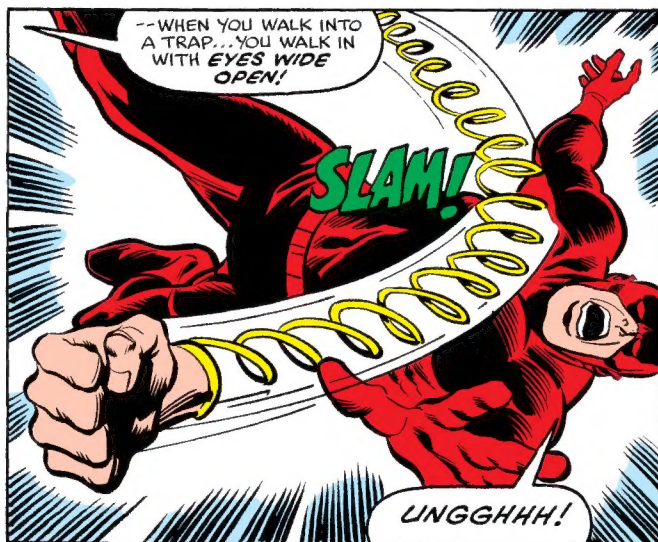
MORE THAN THE MERE MEATBALL IT *RESEMBLES*--

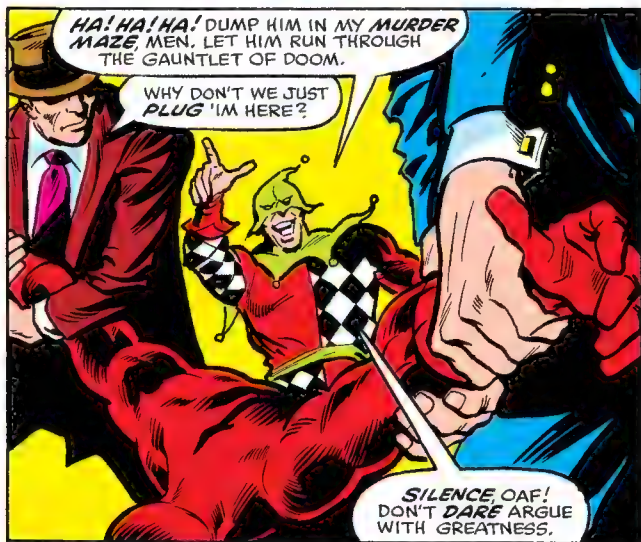
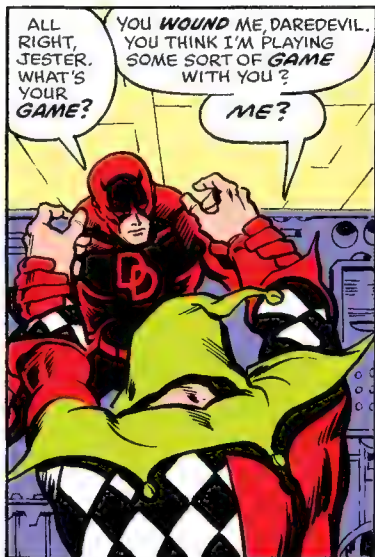


WHEW! SENSED THE *HEAT* GENERATING FROM THAT JUST IN *TIME*.

ANOTHER MOMENT MORE AND I'D BE MORE *OUT* OF IT THAN *RED DYE* NUMBER 2.

SKA-BAM!







THERE'S **NO** HEAT FROM ANY LIGHT SOURCE, SO I GUESS THIS PLACE IS **PITCH BLACK.**

THAT WOULD FRIGHTEN MOST FOLKS...

...BUT FOR ME, IT'S WORK AS USUAL.

EH? **MACHINERY** CHURNING-- FROM BELOW!



WHAT? THE STAIRS!

THEY'VE FLATTENED THEMSELVES INTO A **RAMP!**

CAN'T KEEP MY **BALANCE!** I'M **SLIPPING...**

...BUT-- TOWARDS **WHAT?**



OBOY! I **DON'T** LIKE THE ANSWER.

A GIANT **JESTER-HEAD...** WITH **MECHANICAL JAWS...** WHICH ARE STARTING TO **CLOSE ON ME!**



HAVE TO **CANNONBALL** MYSELF **THROUGH** THEM... BEFORE THEY HAVE A CHANCE TO GIVE ME INSTANT **AIR-CONDITIONING!**

NO! THEY'RE MOVING EVEN **FASTER** THAN I CALCULATED!



ONE OF THE SPIKED TEETH IS **SCRAPING** MY BACK.

CHOMP!



BUT ONE TOOTH DOES NOT A **MEAL** MAKE, AND, EXCEPT FOR A SLIGHT BACK SCRATCH, IT LOOKS LIKE I **SURVIVED** THE JESTER'S **FIRST** TRAP.

BUT HEAVEN KNOWS WHAT HE HAS **PLANNED** FURTHER ON.



HAVE TO KEEP **ALERT**-- MY SENSES TUNED TO THEIR **SHARPEST. OOOOPPS!**

CONGRATULATIONS, HERO-- WHILE TELLING YOURSELF WHAT **TO** DO, YOU'VE STUMBLING INTO **ANOTHER** TRAP. NOT BRIGHT ON **MY** PART.

UUGGHH! CAN'T **MOVE** MY FEET. THEY'RE SHACKLED **TIGHT!**



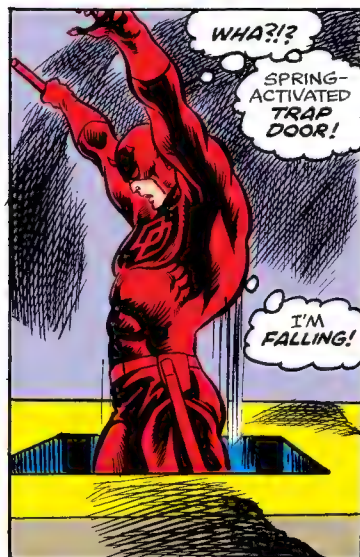
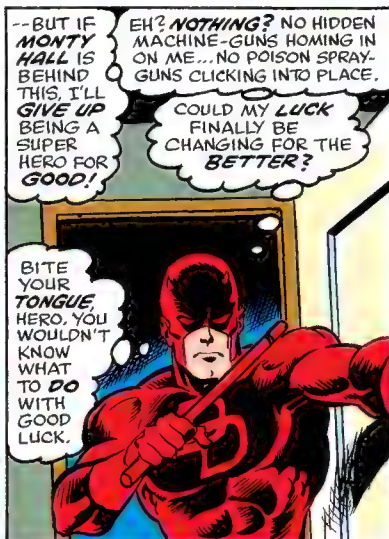
EXECUTION SQUAD, READY! RAISE RIFLES! ONE!

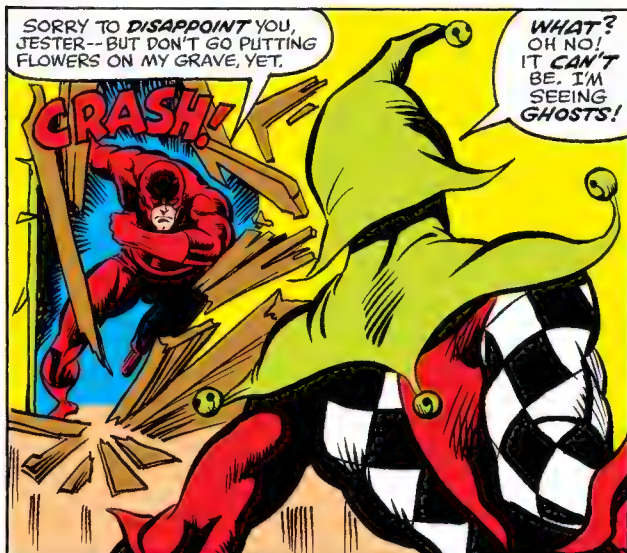
AND HERE COMES THE **WELCOME WAGON!** TOY SOLDIERS... BUT I'LL BET THEIR GUNS **AREN'T** LOADED WITH CAPS.

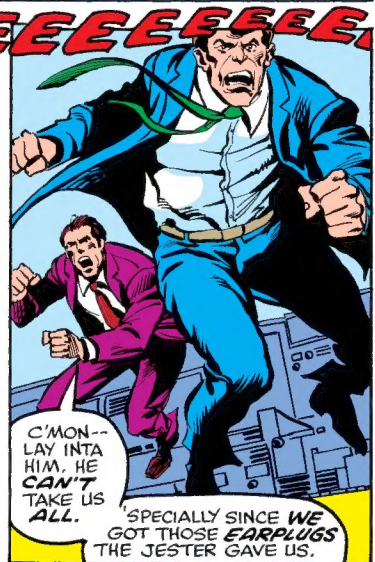
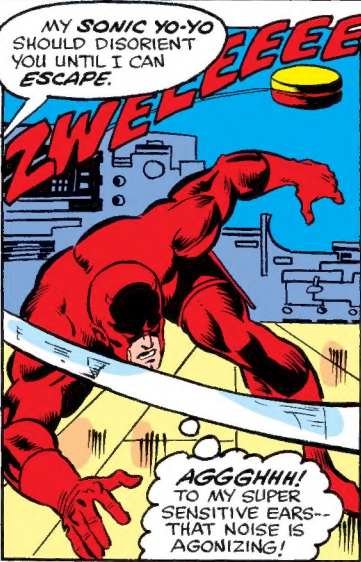
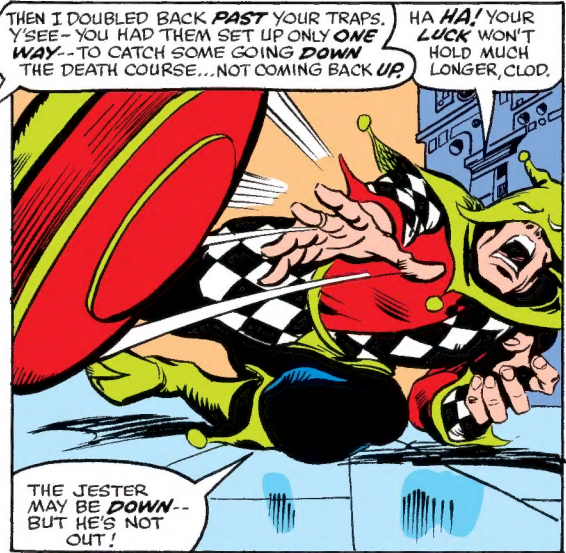
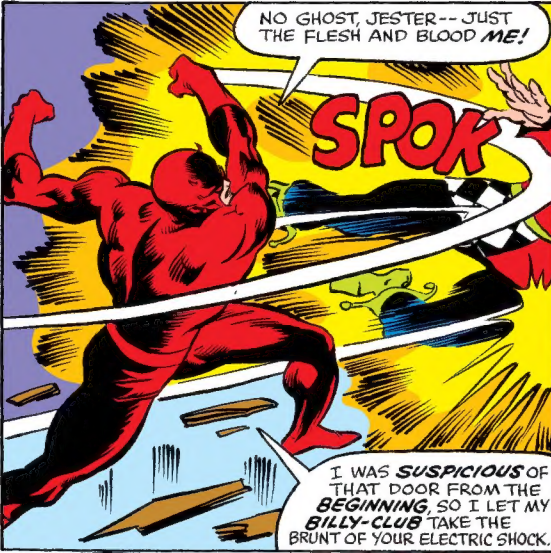


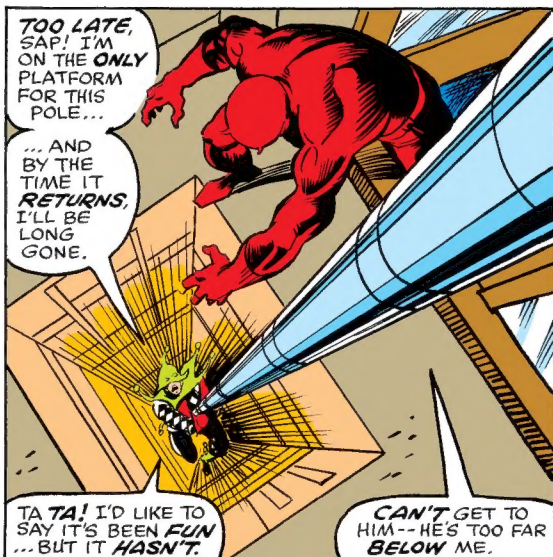
SOLDIERS! AIM RIFLES! TWO! CAN'T PRY MYSELF **LOOSE** IN TIME.

FACE IT, MATTHEW-- YOU'RE A **GONER.**









EPILOGUE: EVENING THE FOLLOWING DAY, AND AN ANXIOUS CITY IS **GLUED** TO THEIR FAVORITE TELEVISION STATIONS...

THIS **SHOULD** BE INTERESTING. THERE WERE **SOUND TRUCKS** CRUISING AROUND THE CITY SCREAMING FOR US TO WATCH THE NEWS TONIGHT.

I THINK IT HAS TO DO WITH THOSE **WEIRD STORIES**.

AND SO IT HAS BEEN LEARNED THAT THE JESTER WAS **BEHIND** THOSE PHONY NEWSCASTS WHICH HAVE BEEN **PLAGUING** OUR CITY AND **CONFUSING** OUR CITIZENS FOR MONTHS NOW.

EARLIER TODAY WE **TAPED** AN INTERVIEW WITH DAREDEVIL, THE MAN WHO **CAPTURED** THE JESTER AND **EXPOSED** HIS CRIMINAL SCHEMES.

DAREDEVIL? GOOD FOR HIM! HE'S BEEN **DUMPED** ON ENOUGH LATELY.

I UNDERSTAND THE JESTER **FIRST** DAMAGED FORMER D.A. FRANKLIN NELSON'S RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

TRUE, WALLY. HE **TRIED** IT ON THE D.A.'S LAST CAMPAIGN, BUT **THIS** TIME HE SUCCEEDED.

ONCE HIS **PERSONAL VENDETTA** WAS OVER, HE CREATED THOSE **OTHER** NEWS SPOTS...

...DESIGNED TO **CONFUSE** THE PUBLIC... TO MAKE THEM **QUESTION** EVERYTHING THEY BELIEVED IN--

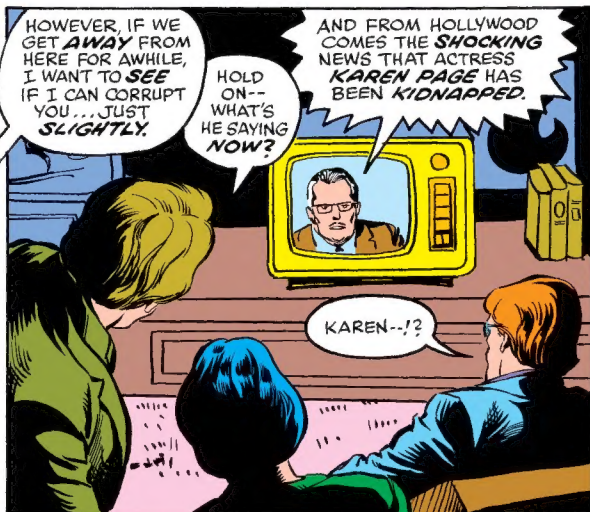
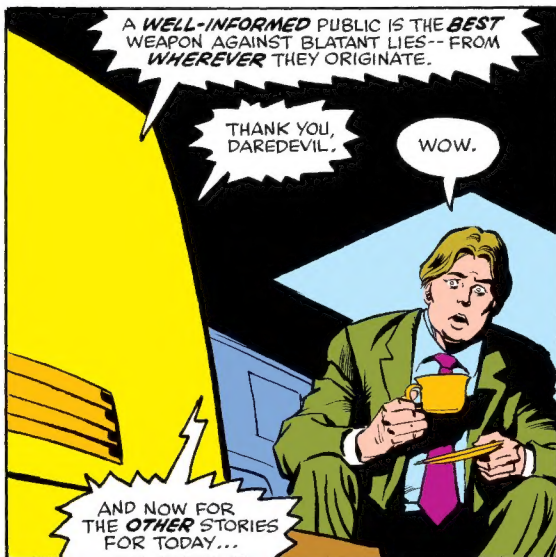
-- TO THE POINT OF BELIEVING **ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN!** AND THE **DEVICE** HE USED TO CREATE THOSE FILMS?

INCLUDING **MY** BECOMING A MURDERER, AND THE CITY POLICE GOING INSANE.

THE **POLICE** HAVE IT, HOPING TO LEARN HOW TO **PREVENT** ANY SUCH THING FROM HAPPENING AGAIN.

I CAN'T VOUCHER FOR THE **ACCURACY** OF TV NEWS REPORTING, WALLY, BUT AT LEAST THE NEWS **WON'T** BE ALTERED BY CRIMINALS.

THOUGH, I THINK **ALL** PEOPLE SHOULD LEARN TO GET THEIR NEWS FROM **MANY** SOURCES-- TV, RADIO, NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES-- TO **PREVENT** THIS SORT OF THING FROM HAPPENING IN THE FUTURE.



...WHERE IS KAREN PAGE?